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# REBELLION AT HOO!

Last Sunday night, July 26, at approximately 10:30 pm, black Gi's in the 65th to 70th street area took to the streets and fought with MP's for several hours. At least 30 brothers were busted, and an un-

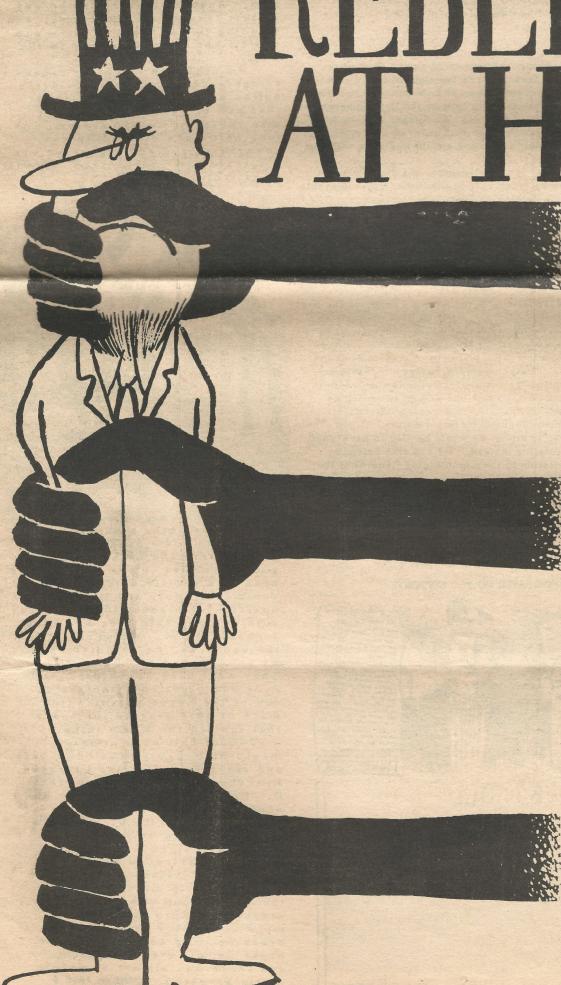
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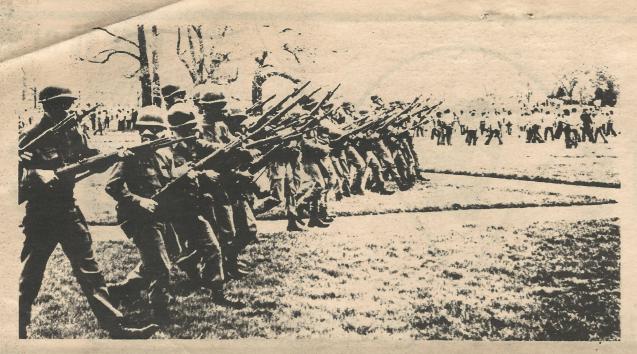
The story of what actually happened is still unclear, as the Army has tried its best to hush the rebellion up.

There were rumors that one black GI was killed by shotgun blasts, but we have not been able to confirm this. Whatever happened, blacks began to gather in the streets and MP's were called into the area. The MP's ordered the crowd to disperse, then attacked them with clubs. The blacks started running and the MP's chased them, beating anyone found in the area. Around 11:30, more MP's arrived and the area was cordoned off as MP's chased groups of 25-75 blacks, trying to force people off the streets. By 12:30, the majority of the brothers had slipped into their barracks and the rebellion was temporarily over.

Monday night a re-up office and some tents were set afire, and Tuesday night another re-up office was burned. Every night extra MP patrols roamed the streets, and helicopters hovered overhead.

What happened Sunday night was a black thing. Whites in the area either stayed on the sidelines or in the barracks. A few got in fights. Most whites are in fact afraid of the brothers and see riots or rebellions as "black against white." CONTO ON PAGE 2





## **POWELL** CHALLENGE

The GI Summer Offensive Committe(GI-SOC) has issued a challenge to Major-General Powell, Commanding General of Ft. Hood to come to the Oleo-Strut Coffeehouse Aug. 22 and debate the question "Is 'Riot'- Control in the interests of Americans?" A letter (reprinted in this issue of Fatigue Press) has been sent to the CG asking him to defend the US Government's and the Armed Forc-'es' position of using GI's against the people of this country (against anti-war rallys, ghetto uprisings, and labor strikes). Because we of GI-SOC feel so confident of the validity of our anti-"riot"-control position, we know that we can expose the rotten politicts of the Army no matter whom we debate. And since we are unable to defend our politicts by distributing Fatigue Press on post (due to Mai General Powell's arbitrary refusal to grant us that Constitutional right) we are giving him the right to defend his (the Army's) politics off-post by debating us before a public audience. Whether or not he or his representative attends this debate, no one can safely predict in advance. If he doesn't show up, it will prove to the GI's at Ft. Hood that the only type of audience he can speak to is a captive audience (Army propaganda classes that GI's are forced to attend where only one side of a question is presented -- the Army side). If he does attend, it will be interesting to see how well he is able to defend the undemocratic politics of the Army's "riot"-control program against a radical GI speaker. The debate will be open for all to attend. Both

sides will have equal time to present their views and then the audience will have a chance to direct questions and criticism at the speakers. Whether or not Maj-Gen Powell attends, the meeting will be held. We will keep GI's at Ft. Hood informed as to whether or not he accepts our invitation by issuing special leaflets.







ALL POWERTO THE PEOPLE

Last Sunday on Fort Hood many of my brothers participated in a near-rebellion against the racist establishment of the US Army. But brothers beware: know who the true enemy is. The enemy is the racist brass who send us off to war, to fight a racist war in Indochina. The enemy is the businessman who profits from the blood and sweat of our people.

The enemy is not the lowly EM honky. He is only the enemy when he takes sides with the racist lifers. Wage this war against the the ruling class, the brass and the businessmen, who would like nothing better than to see EM's divided.

We must, by any means necessary, gain our freedom. Our actions today will determine whether we shall live or die! Right on! All power to the people! Black power to the vanguard!

"We should be men first and subjects afterward. It is not desirable to cultivate a respect for the law, so much as for the right."

Maj-Gen Powell Commanding General Ft Hood

Dear Sir:

We of the GI Summer Offensive Committee (GI-SOC) feel that it is the right of every serviceman and servicewoman to hold political opinions in opposition to those held by the U.S. government and its Armed Forces. We further believe it to be their right to hear both sides of every political question and that no one should interfere with that right.

GI-SOC sees riot-control and riot-control training as being against the fundamental interests of the majority of the people in this country: GI's, blacks, browns, workers, students, and women. This position is obviously at odds with the official position of the US Army which actively engages in riot-control training, the goal of which is to use GI's against the people of this country.

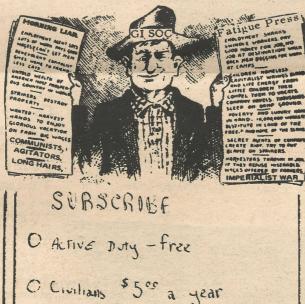
Because of the extreme difference of opinions on riot-control training held by the US government and the leadership of the Armed Forces on the one hand, and GI-SOC and other GI organizations on the other hand, we feel it would be beneficial to have representatives from both sides of the question share the same platform on August 22 at the Oleo Strut coffeehouse and engage in debate on the question "Is 'Riot'-Control in the Interests of Americans?" To this end we are extending an invitation to you, sir, to represent the official government position on this question. If you should be unable to attend we would be glad to have your representative instead. We are also extending this invitation to the Commanding General of the Texas National Guard.

We would appreciate receiving a prompt written response to this invitation.

Sincerely.

GI-SOC

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### REBELLION CONT'D

We live in a racist country--run by whites intent on keeping blacks down. White people--even workers and GI's whom the society also holds down -- always get over better. Why, for example, is such a high percentage of the infantry black? Racial divisions and tensions are kept high by the people who benefit from them. A CO has nothing to fear from a white EM who is always looking over his shoulder for the brother who is "out to get

White people are not the enemy of blacks. But we live in a criminal, racist system, and until white GI's begin to seriously fight in an organized way against that system (the one that dragged us into the Army, sent us to Nam, and controls all our lives every day), then they will always have something to fear from blacks.

In other words, we have all got to fight racism. Blacks rebel because they are oppressed; blacks are demanding their freedom. Anyone standing in the way of that freedom is the enemy, and is going to get hurt. Whites who don't fight the system are in the

way.
We begin that fight by organizing: working not as individuals but as a group, using the power that can be ours to bring down this racist Army and system. As long as we are divided we are powerless, and as long as we are scattered and unorganized, we will remain divided.



A white private E-2 from Headquarters Company (in the 65th st. area), gave us the following account of what happened Sunday night:

"On the 26th, a Sunday night, Pic D. had come back from a hunting trip and he had two shotguns. Earlier in the week he had been in a scuffle with a Negro youth (pvt. H.), and H. had come upstairs with about 10 or 15 other soldiers who said they were just jonna do D. in. We were all in the barracks, we resisted, and we gut punched around alot. They went back downstairs, and D. 's buddy pulled a shotgun on one of the Negro youths more or less started the spark that ignited the whole thing.

"About half an hour later maybe 50 Negro youths come back and started stoning the barracks. Everybody else left except for D. He just stood there with his shotgun, trying to defy everybody, and when the action got a little too steep he just fired it in the air--fired 2 slugs into the air. The crowd dispersed -- that really started things off. Maybe 15 minutes later the same group came back -stabbed a couple people. The mp's were there then, started breaking it up and uh, scuffles broke out all over the place, and there was almost 30 people gettin arrested." Coht on tage &



In viewing the world situation today, one of the hardest struggles to analyze is the palestine problem. Many views in the western countries hinge upon emotions, but emotional outlooks alone tend to over-ride facts and cannot solve complex political problems. Despite the west's burden of guilt left by Hitler's crimes, two facts

I. There exists a new nation of Israel which is carving a place for itself in the world.

2. There also exists an ousted population of Arabs who still live in Refugee camps around the Israel border. To make the situation worse, there is almost total ignorance about both Israel's and the Arab nations history, people and aspir-

Traditionally, until less than a quarter of a century ago, Jews had been known as a people without a nation, displaced from their original homeland, persecuted and dispersed to every continent. The majority of Jews, living in Europe, witnessed the death of the feudal church state, the industrial revolution, and the meteoric rise of capitalism. No one in Europe, the Jews included, were unaffected by capitalism. The majority of the Jews by the 20th century were middle class merchants. While they had much in common with Europeans economically, their religion and background made them victims of social prejudice. As a reaction to this Jews in Europe developed their own social institutional structure which led to very strong feelings of nationalism on the part of the

Political Zionism was founded in 1897 and intended to solve the Jewish problem by creating a national Jewish state. The political allies of this movement were the people of whatever European nation happened to control Palestine. Before World War I Zionism was oriented toward the Turkish sultans and the German Kaiser. After the war they worked toward good relations with the British. Since World War II Zionism has switched its orientation to the United States and, to a degree, France. No solution to the Mideast crisis appears to be immediately forthcoming. The Arab governments are generally reactionary and all too willing to



permit the West to exploit their oil wealth. They have raised the cry for a holy war against Israel in order to divert their people's attention from the real root of their problems: an Arab ruling class which, in company with the West, is draining the resources of the region. Israel, on the other hand, is eager to continue to serve as Western imperialism's military outpost in the Middle East. In addition to receiving Western arms, Israel in recent years has been getting about \$250 million annually in grants and loans from the West. This amounts to some \$125 a year per head of Israeli population, which is more than the total per capita income of many of the Arab countries. Israel's prosperity, therefore, is artificial and dependent on Western aid.

Prior to World War II, Great Britain controlled 72% of the Middle Eastern oil reserves, the U.S., 10%. The War reversed these positions: now the U.S. controls 59% of the oil, Britain, 29%. In 1965 alone, U.S. petroleum companies reaped a profit of \$813 million from their control and exploitation of Arab oil. Should a revolutionary Arab nationalism arise in the Middle East, neither American oil interests nor the existence of Israel as a Zionist, expansionist state could long endure. Thus Israel and the U.S. have a similar interest in keeping the Arab nations and people weak and divided. The present state of permanent warfare in the Mideast allows the ruling classes of the U.S., Israel, and the Arab countries to maintain



Palestinian commando receives training

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their exploitation of the Middle Eastern people. The solution to this impasse -- the development of a socialist, pan-Arab people's war aimed at the overthrow of both Israeli Zionism and the pro-imperialist Arab rulers -- has yet to appear. There are, however, certain indications that a movement of just this sort is beginning to form. A number of Arab guerrilla groups have been created that are feared by the U.S., Israel, Russia, and the Arab governments alike. The recent near-coup in Jordan is an example of this development: the guerrilla groups that came close to ousting King Hussein were opposed by every force in the Mideast save the Arab people themselves. The reactionaries -- Arab, Russian, Israeli, and American -- were exposed for all to see. Future actions of this nature can only serve to increae the revolutionary consciousness of the exploited and oppressed Arab people. What is equally important is that the emergence of a principled, socialist, people's movement in the Arab states will result in the appearance of its counterpart among an Israeli population that has no real interest in fighting a permanent war with its neighbors. Already one Arab guerrilla group, the Democratic Popular Front for Palestinian Liberation (Popular Front), has developed a Marxist-Leninist program which carries the potential of uniting progressive Israeli and Arab elements'in a common struggle. The leader of the Popular Front, Nayef Hawatmeh, recently stated: "We favor the creation in Palestine of a democratic state encompassing both the Arabs and the Jews within the framework of a socialist system. Socialism will put an end to antagonisms of a racial, religious and class nature. It will assist the new state in freeing itself at one and the same time from U.S. imperialism, Zionism, and Arab chauvinism." All true socialists must denounce the racist,

reactionary propaganda presently coming from the official Arab camp. Israel, although the aggressor in the present situation, cannot reasonably be expected to abandon its hard-line position until the Arab threat to destroy Israel has been dropped. No less a figure than Fidel Castro stated in an interview on September 22, 1967, that he "had been shocked, in the period leading up to the war, by Arab propaganda of a kind that revealed the lack of revolutionary principles. True revolutionaries never threaten a whole country with extermination. We have spoken out clearly against Israel's policy, but we don't deny her right to exist." initial mave to reach a settlement in the

Middle East must come from the Arab people; it is they who stand to gain most from a radical change in the status quo. If the Arab people are , to improve their lot they must reach a peaceful accord with Israel, nationalize their oil wealth, and commence the building of socialism. No other solution is capable of bringing both peace



Sunday, July 26, the Chicano Moratorium Committee of Houston sponsored a demonstration against the war in Southeast Asia. The rally was very well organized and was attended by approximately 1,500 or more persons including many Chicano mothers and fathers from the barrios. The ironic thing about the march was that never before in the 76-year history of the Houston barrio had Chicanos taken their grievances to the streets in organized protest. This demonstration has definitely left an impression on the Chicanos of the barrios, who now know that organized efforts can overcome the oppression brought down on them by the pig establishment.

The Chicano brothers had been told by the Houston pigs that they couldn't march in the streets because there was a city ordinance against parading in the barrios. The pigs were trightened by the thought of Chicanos being organized in the sections of the city where they are in the majority.

The Houston pigs wanted the Chicano brothers to march in the streets of downtown Houston, probably so they could freely bash heads if the Chicanos "got out of hand." Also, holding the march in downtown Houston would cut down on the number of people attending the rally because many people wouldn't be able to find transportation from the barrios. Life in the Chicano barrio and the black ghetto is not as easy as in other sections of town.

The brothers decided to march in the barrio, despite the wishes of the Houston City Council, and before the marchers had gone two blocks they had full control of the streets. You know the old saying, "The streets belong to the people"; well, since no pigs from the Houston City Council live in the barrio or the ghetto, who the hell were they to tell us we couldn't march in our own streets?

The march began in Hidalgo Park on 70th street and wound its way through the barrio. Loud cheers were heard from onlookers, and people came out of homes, stores and cantinas to join their carnales in the streets.

Popular chants during the march were "Viva la Raza" and a long list of revolutionary heroes from Reyes Lopez Tijerina to Che Guevara. Other slogans were "US out of Vietnam, " "Power to la Raza," "Chicano Power," and several chants that related to the Grape Boycott since there was a contingent of Huelgistas (strikers) in the march.

The march ended back at the starting point where the carnales gathered to hear a variety of speakers, among whom were an active duty Chicano GI from Ft. Hood, and Rosalio Minoz, National Chairman of the Chicano Moratorium Committee from Los Angeles, Califor-

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# REBELLION, CONT'D

charged with?"

"Inciting a riot." "Are any of them going to be charged with mutiny?"

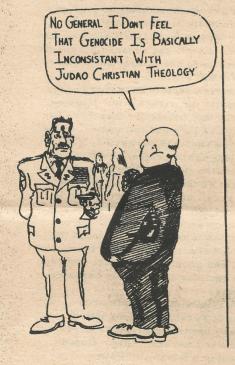
"I don't know if they're gonna try to put a charge of mutiny, more or less I know that the investigating officer, a major, is trying to court-martial D. and C. (The 2 whites). They're in the stockade right now 'under protective custody'."

"What started the incident?" "Ah, what started this incident was H. and D. had a minor scuffle and ah in the mess hall-they were both cooks. H. hit D. in the head with a napkin holder which started this whole thing off about a week earlier. And ah D. turned around and just before he went on pass that Friday night he punched H. while he was sleeping and H. promised to get him when he come back from his pass, and when D. come back off pass he had a couple shotguns with him. So it just built up to a big spearhead and it just blew up that night."

"Do you know about anyone getting killed during that thing?" "One thing I did hear, I don't know if it's a rumor or not, that 501st S&T that a colored guy was killed. I don't know if its fact or not. I mean it's just a rumor that's going around now. So I couldn't really tell you that."

"One more question. Can you tell about any stuff that's been going on this week?"

"Yes ah, now that this trouble has started, blacks have either started rumors or just said that they're gonna tear Ft. Hood down. What they're doing is the mp's are having helicopter patrols -- you see helicopters surrounding our barracks around there, there's mp cars stationed all over the place, there's ambulances riding around, and ah, the youths in the barracks have to pull fire guard -- they have to go out at night with flashlights and walk around at night, which isn't gonna help anyway cause if they wanted to come out and shoot somebody people with flashlights just ain't gonna stop them. So I don't think it's really fair. "



SOME OF THE STAFF WHO PUT THIS ISSUE OUT: Sp/5 Larry Hawthorne Pvt. John Korsedal Sp/4 Manuel Jay Koff Pvt. Richard Chase (political prisoner) Pvt. Herman Wheeler Sp/4 Jakowski Pvt. Al Greengold

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nia. Many thanks should be given to the members of the Houston Chicano Moratorium Committee who organized and coordinated this march.



# CHARACTERS

It can never be said that the Army does not constantly come up with new ideas for improving you, the enlisted man. Take, for instance, "Character Guidance." Remember old, boring "Character Guidance"? That's where they herd you all into a room and make you listen to the chaplain rap about how you have to obey ARs and kill oriental people in order to have a good character. The chaplain also points out the obviously low moral caliber of GIs who wear their brass crooked on their Class A uniform, and other real bad stuff like that. It is interesting to note that character guidance classes are mandatory for E5s and below only. Obviously, since E6s and above have been in much longer than you, the Army has already been able to warp what little character they had to begin

Well, so much for the old character guidance. Enter the new, improved character guidance, or new, "permissive" character guidance.

Recently I was privileged to attend the gala premier of one of the new permissive character guidance classes. First, we were herded into a room (same old crap so far). "Alright, men, this is the new character guidance class" (that's an E6). "It has a very permissive atmosphere. Now, I want you guys to sit up straight, and I don't want to see any talking, laughing, smiling, breathing hard, smirking, moving, or farting, because we got a grass cutting detail, and you might end up being on it."

So, with the permissive tone thus set, the show got underway. "And here he is, folks, the guardian of your morals; let's hear it for the chaplain!"

The chaplain was great! "Well, you guys sure look beat. I hear they really been working your asses off lately. Ha, ha. Well, it's all in good, clean fun, guys. I was just thinking how funny it was in my air-conditioned office while ere humpin' it. Ha, ha, ha. Seriously, though, this month's topic is "My Country," and we have a film for you which will be followed by a permissive discussion. Roll it. Charlie!"

The film was a 20 minute un-narrated documentary, in color, which depicted hippie malcontents, ghetto malcontents, poor-white malcontents, Vietnamese malcontents, GI malcontents in Vietnam. and a very nice looking cemetery in which anyone should be content to lie, but it was hard to tell whether those GIs were content or malcontent under all that dirt.

Finally, the film depicted real, redblooded, flag-waving Americans. These "good" Americans were all very contented. Contented factory owners, contented millionaires, contented military brass, contented upper-middle class families with nice, expensive homes. PAGE 4

The message you get from this film is that there would not be any trouble in America if it weren't for all those malcontents running around causing trouble because they don't know their

It is interesting to note that most of these malcontents come from very poor backgrounds, which explains their lack of character, which, in turn, explains why they are such malcontented troublemakers. Even if they came into he Army and had character guidance, it probably wouldn't do any good, because these bums are probably the type who would run around with the brass on their Class A uniform crooked and everything. What do these people want, anyway?

The film is over. The chaplain is up on stage again. "Well, gentlemen, that was an excellent film. Any comments?" "ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ

# LIFER JUSTICE



From the Black Panther paper:

On February 21, 1970, Willie Williams of the 143rd Supply and Service Company at Fort Lewis was charged under article 134 o the Uniform Code of Military Justice with conduct discrediting the armed services. Specification on one of the charges was threatening the life of the President of the United States.

Willie Williams was held in the stockade for 5 months before being brought to trial. On June 29, 1970, Willie Williams was brought to trial before Judge Lee, most likely a distant relative of Robert E. Lee, Southern fascist General. Lee had a southern drawl that equalled Maddox of Georgia. His jury was 5 officers who had been in the fascist military for over 6 years. These Mechanical Robots of Nixon's Military Hordes proceeded to railroad Brother Willie.

At the start of the trial the Kangaroo Judge let it be known that he would like to have this nigger's case finished by the end of the day, so the trial started at 9:00 a.m. and ended at 11:00 p.m. Brother Willie Williams was railroaded to prison for 1 year. The charges of threatening the life of President Nixon and making disloyal statements were dropped; however, Brother Willie received I year of hard labor for going AWOL.

We see that it is crystal clear that a Black GI has no rights that the fascist military can respect.

POWER TO THE GI'S





VETERANS EAT SHIT
Four out of five veterans disabled in
Vietnam are "probably in marginal jobs,
barely eking out a living," according to
Harold Russell, chairman of the Presidents
Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.

MARINES WIN APPEAL
The convictions of two black Marines, imprisoned in 1967 on charges of violating the Smith Act by promoting disloyalty, were reversed July 10 by a Washington, D.C., court of military appeals. But the military court upheld lesser charges of insubordination and refusing duty against Pvts.
William L. Harvey, Jr. and George W. Daniels. Their sentences are to

William L. Harvey, Jr. and George W. Daniels. Their sentences are to be reassessed by a lower court. Daniels is serving a four-year prison teem because he urged other black soldiers not to fight in Vietnam.



#### ARAB GUERILLAS

"If the United States sends troops to Jordan", Yasser Arafat, learder of Al-Fateh, Palestinian guerilla organization, commented after the 82d Airborne had been placed on alert, "then we say welcome to another Vietnam".

In the last month a lot of shit has been coming down in the Middle East. In Jordan, the CIA supported right-wing of the government tried to come down hard on the Palestinian guerillas, and thus sparked an insurrection. Fighting continued for quite a few days. The guerillas even held dozens of Americans, Germans, and British at one point.



#### GENERAL ADVOCATES GETTING RID OF OLEO STRUT

Brig. Gen. Samuel Goodwin, retiring Ft. Hood Chief of Staff, was honored last Friday by civic and business leaders of Killeen at the Cowhouse Hotel. The coffee was sponsored by the Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee.

The General, exhibiting the advanced state of senility for which he was retired, had two suggestions for the City of Killeen: first, that recreational facilities for GI's in town be expanded; second, that the Oleo Strut--a GI recreational facility--be closed down. "I hope you will do everything possible to rid the town of the Oleo Strut," the General said.

The Oleo Strut and the Fatigue Presswould like to thank General Goodwin for providing our radical anti-war enterprise the free publicity in the pages of the Daily Herald. In appreciation thereof, we are offering the good General a year's free subscription to the Fatigue Press if he will drop down to the Strut and leave us his forwarding address. Although the General will officially become a civilian, his statement, "I'll be a professional soldier until the day I die--I'll just be serving out of uniform," qualifies him for a free subscription. Bon voyage, General Goodwin.

#### MORE FROM DOW

For years Dow Chemical Company has manufactured napalm until the onslaught of student demonstrations forced the company to cancel its napalm contract with the Defence Dept. Dow may have parted company with napalm but it is still very active in the chemical and biological warfare business. 2, 4-D is a little known defofiant (one of the two most powerful herbicides currently inuse) used to destroy rice crops and mangroves in Vietnam. Tests cunducted at the Food and Drug Administration have shown that the chemical produces fetal deformities in the embryos of baby chicks. There is also extensive evidence that humans in contact with the chemical can contract an incurable disease called chlorance that attacks the liver, kidneys, and skin. Other producers of 2, 4D besides Dow are Hooker, Monsanto, and Hercules.



FORT HOOD STOCKADE REBELLION
Around the 7th of July at 3:30, between
150 and 200 brothers ralleyed at the Fort
Hood stockade. Reports say that it all
started when some of the racist guards
at the stockade started beating on one of
the black brothers imprisoned there. Soon
the basketball court was full of black
inmates, in an apparent sit-down. People
riding by the stockade saw what was going
on, and soon people gathered outside, in
solidarity with the prisoners.



BEAVER 55 CONVICTED

Eight persons, members of an anti-war group known as the Beaver 55, were convicted of vandalism and conspiracy to interfere with the Selective Service System July 8 in a US district court in Indianapolis. Each were sentenced to four years in prison and \$5000 fines. The Beaver 55 claimed responsibility for an anti-draft action at the Marion County Selective Service headquarters, a complex of 44 local draft boards, in which 1-A files and registration cards were destroyed. It is believed that the boards have still been unable to reconstruct their files. Of the eight convicted, five are presently in jail in connection with a raid on a Dow Chem. office in Midland, Mich. The two sentences will not run concurrently. The five will be transfered to an Indiana prison at the end of the 1-year sentences they are now serving.



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GI RED ALERT! New York-

Members of the American Servicemen's Union stationed with the 3d Inf. Div., Aschaffenburg, West Germany report that their unit and other units of the 3d Inf. were put on "red alert" to go to Jordan on Friday, Junell.

PRESIDO CONVICTIONS UPSET
The military has reversed two more convistions of the 27 Presido GIs convicted of mutiny charges for holding a sitdown strike against guard brutality in the San Francisco Army stockade in 1968. The US Military court of review overturned the convictions of four other GIs two months ago and all 27 are now expected to be freed of the mutiny convictions.



AFSC SECRETARY SENTENCED
Tom Flower, peace education secretary for the American Friends Service Committee, was sentenced to a six-month prison term July 8 in a San Antonio Federal court, for violating a military order that barred him from entering Fort Sam Houston.
Flower was arrested Dec. Il last year by MPs and an FBI agent when he walked onto the Army post to inform GIs of a debate between anti-war activists and a State Department representative at Trinity University in San Antonio.

FBI ARRESTS 8 IN DRAFT RAID Eight persons were arrested July 10 by agents of the FBI for allegedly breaking into draft board offices in Alexandria, Little Falls, and Winona, Minn., near Minneapolis. The federal agents were reportedly inside the board offices at the time. In an apparently seperate action, however, draft records were destroyed in a Selective Service office in Wabasha Minn., on the same evening. The eight who were arrested are charged with sabotage and face a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and \$10,000 fines. A demonstration by 200 persons protesting the FBI arrests was held outside the Minneapolis courthouse where the eight were arraigned.



2i DAYS HARD LABOR FOR HAIR San Diego, (LNS)

Pfc. James Wallace, 23 years old, a Marine Corps Reservist and a student at San Diego State College, was convicted at a court-martial recently for refusal to comply with regulations that Marines must wear their hair no longer than three inches. He was sentenced to 21 days confinement at hard labor, reduction in rank to private and forfeiture of \$60.

# CARL HAMPTONI MURDERD

By Victoria Smith of Space City!

"It's not because I'm in People's Party
II that I'm oppressed, it's because I'm
black and in the United States."

Carl Hampton made that statement in a speech shortly before his death early Monday morning, July 27.

The 21-year-old chairman of People's Party II, a revolutionary black organization, was killed, not because he was in People's Party II but because he was black and in the United States, because he was a revolutionary whose interests resided in his people, the oppressed people of the world.

Carl was shot down by police snipers in an ambush Sunday night, July 26, near the People's Party II headquarters at Dowling and Tuam streets. He died in Ben Taub General Hospital about four hours later.

Several others were wounded in the battle, including other members of People's Party and a man from the John Brown Revolutionary League (JBRL), a white organization. (People's Party II, JBRL and the Mexican-American Youth Organization formed a Rainbow Coalition several months ago.)

Carl was murdered, shot down in cold blood. The leadership he exerted, the ideas he represented and the practice he engaged in so threatened the power structure of the city that Carl could not be permitted to live. The police wasted no time. The People's Party Center had been functioning for less than a month when Carl was killed.

We want to make this clear from the start, because there is no doubt in our minds Carl's death resulted from premeditated murder. Our facts, our knowledge of Carl and People's Party II, our understanding of the nature of repression in Amerika lead us to believe that the "first shot" that police claim started the gun battle that occurred Sunday night did not come from a People's Party or JBRL gun.

The events surrounding Carl remain somewhat unclear at this point. But we think that the Houston police department, as represented in the local commercial media, has lied to Houstonians about the incident. Maybe we can clear things up a little.

Around 6 p.m., Sunday, two brothers were arrested on weapons charges inside a church just around the corner from the Center.

Police had harrassed people at the Center continually for more than a week before Carl's death, beginning with an incident Friday, July 17, in which pigs and People's Party members and supporters held guns on each other for about 30 minutes.

We talked with Carl Sunday afternoon, only several hours before his death, and he told us that two Party members had been busted that week, that police had warrants out for the arrest of him and two others, that police surveillance helicopters had hovered continually over the headquarters, that police were spreading false rumors in the Third Ward community about People's Party. Later that evening People's Party held an impromptu rally outside the Center to gather support for the Party and for the brothers in jail.

A man who has related to People's Party but is not a member have Space City! the best account we have of the events surrounding Carl's death.

As Carl was addressing the group of some 150 people, Ovide Dancantell, of the Central Committee for the Protection of Poor People, another militant black



group, approached Carl and told him that an unmarked police car was parked in a lot at St. John the Babtist Church, a building some 300 yards north of the' Center.

Carl relayed the message to the crowd. Two black men, armed with shotguns, ran toward the vicinity of the church.

Some minutes later, Duncantell reported that there were two pigs on the roof of St. John's Church. Duncantell's next message was that someone had shot at the pigs.

Our witness said he heard a shot, but he recognized it as the unmistakable sound of a .22-caliber weapon, not a shotgun. The obvious conclusion is that the brothers who had left for the church could not have fired the shot, since they were armed only with shotguns. (People's Party policy, like that of the Black Panther Party, forbids firing on police unless in self-defense.)

Carl and another nan ran down the street to check out the scene. Apparently, they moved into the street or into some position in which they were exposed. So they evidently crossed the street to hide in an alley near a business building.

Gunshots rang out. Most of the crowd in front of the People's Party Center dispersed and the rest, including members of JBRL and People's Party, moved inside the Center to get their weapons.

The first shits were apparently the ones that felled Carl.

Our witness moved across the street where he stationed himself with Carl's wife, Maggie. He said he saw JBRL member Bartee Haile dash out of the center.

Bartee later told KPFT-FM, Pacifica radio, that three or four men were running toward the church. Bartee, who was trying to get to Carl, hid behind a parked car. Others with guns moved up behind him. There was an exchange of guntire and Bartee was shot in the arm.

"The same sniper that got Carl hit me," he said. Bartee, bleeding profusely, ran back to the Center, all the way dodging bullets that were bouncing on the sidewalks.

As to who started the shooting, Bartee said, "I don't for any moment believe that People's Party II members and supporters went down there and opened up on snipers who had such a superior firing angle on them,"

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The police claim that some "black militant" opened fire on them. J.O. Norris, of the Criminal Intelligence Division (Red Squad), who says he was on top of the church, was quoted in the Houston Chronicle as saying that one man shot at him and his buddy.

St. John's church is the tallest building in the vicinity. There is no way that a person on the street 30 feet below could "snipe" at police virtually hidden on a rooftop, with a strategically useful parapet.

The shooting started sometime after 10 p.m. and lasted less than an hour.

Artice "Cboy" Vaughn, writing in the Forward Times, claims a call went out over the police radio saying, "We got eight under fire. Put some more light on that building because we are going to do some killing. Hey, we got two of them. Wait a minute, I think that we got the leader. Yes, we got the leader."

An unidentified person in a Volks-wagon drove through a hail of bullets to rescue Carl. According to one report, the car was fired on in earnest and it wheeled away, leaving one man, who had been trying to get the wounded Hampton into the car, holding Carl over his shoulder. The man escaped with Carl. Carl somehow arrived at Ben Taub hospital by car, shortly after ll p.m., in very critical condition.

One thing should be abundantly clear. The pigs were out to get Carl and they apparently didn't care whether or not they killed any of the others, except possibly Bartee, who is also a marked man in Houston. (Bartee says he was fortunate not to have been shot in the heart. Gunshot hit his left arm, and he thinks the cops were aiming for his heart.)

Carl didn't have a chance. Space City! learned that he was shot several times in the chest and once in the liver, which at a distance of some 200 feet required excellent marksmanship and intent to kill. The pigs who claim to have shot Carl have even admitted in the media that they shot to kill. Several others were wounded, but none critically. Most of the people remaining in the Center escaped out the back. The injured were on their way to hospitals.

Police began to cordon off the area and initiated a systematic occupation of the community which eventually extended over a 20 square block area. Two police helicopters with spotlights hovered over the area.

After the shooting was over and the pigs had secured the area for themselves, they entered the People's Party headquarters and gleefully trashed the place. They entertained themselves by drawing moustaches on posters of Chairman Mao and writing on the wall, like "Fuck Huey," and "Wallace in 72." They also confiscated a few arms and some literature.

After the police had secured the area north of Elgin on Dowling, a squad of at least 120, possibly more, formed at the corner of Dowling and Elgin. Suddenly, without any warning of any apparent reason, a line of pigs started to sweep south down Dowling, bellowing "Move on, move on!" and beating and arresting everyone they could get their hands on.

Police arrested more than 50 people, almost all black. They were charged with loitering and failure to move one.

Some 30 People's Party members and supporters, including a number of Space City people, arrived at Ben Taub Hospital to ensure that Carl and the others received adequate treatment. A large contingent of police was also there to ensure that there would be no trouble when Carl died.

Carl's surgery was guarded by heavily armed police who, we have been told, exchanged hearty pats on the back after it was all over.

Carl died shortly before 3 a.m.
It was strange. We had just
talked with Carl that afternoon, and suddenly he was dead.

Carl did tell us some interesting things that afternoon. For one thing, the question of Duncantell's statement to City Council came up, the statement in which he claimed that the People's CON FINUED ON PAGE 7



## STRIKE BACK CAMPAICN

Being married to a military person in Killeen and having close affiliation with Fort Hood has caused many great complications and hardships for most women. Most of us moved to Killeen naively thinking that we would still have the comforts of our hometown and civilian life, but it takes usually all of one day or a week at the most to discover that we have been capitistically screwed!

Besides the aggravation and humiliation of being referred to as a GI wife--I don't know about you, but I am not government issue--I dislike being cast into a class whether it be EM, NGO, or officer's wife. After you have been typecast your life begins to run a course similar to most other women in your particular "class."

Party Center area was secured and that police would not be permitted to enter the area.

The commercial media played up Duncantell's statements as representative of the position of People's Party II. The publicity Duncantell received may have further antagonized the racist Houston police and lent credibility to their claim that they stationed themselves on Dowling St. Sunday night to prevent a disturbance.

Carl was obviously critical of this statement and he reiterated the Party's position on the question of police in the black community. "If police act like police, we aint going to bother them, we're going to go along with our work. When they start bothering us, it's going to be a different story... If we're going to have police in our community, they're going to act like police and protect the people; if not, they're not going to be in the community, that's all."

Carl emphasized again and again that People's Party was not about to provoke a confrontation with the police, that the main business of the Party was to provide needed services for the black community people, from free breakfast for children programs to medical clinics to community control of police to the cooling to potential riot situations.

So this is the People's Party II.

Its purpose has been simple, honest, and totally revolutionary. Serve the people. Educate the people. Arm the people for their own self-defense against a police that has oppressed and murdered millions of black people in America for centuries.

What could be more reasonable and necessary? Yet, what could be more threatening to the rulers of this country, who fear the power of the people more than anything. Even when that power is just budding, as it is in Houston. That is why Carl was killed. The pigs acted fast, in an attempt to destroy the bud before it blos-

Housing is chosen according to salary. The less you can pay the more roaches and rats you get, compliments of the management. If you are lucky you may get furniture that is not infested with small insects that bite in the night, or that doesn't collapse when you try to use it for its intended purpose.

Next stop is the grocery store or commissary where, if your timing is right, you miss the price mark-ups that come on paydays. Local Texas-owned stores are the worst about this. Trying to budget money to cover rent, utilities, transportation, and still have enough left for groceries is impossible enough without having prices jacked up 10% to 25%.

"Free" medical care from Darnall means ending up with anything from refusal of treatment, three-month waits for appointments, maltreatment, even death. Civilian medical treatment is expensive and can often mean the difference between beans or hamburger for the monthly diet.

Employment is a farce; if you can find a job the pay is usually 70¢ an hour. If you have children this presents a problem of childcare which in the Fort Hood area is expensive and the care is atrocious.

Many wives live in dread of their husbands names appearing on Vietnam levies. The thought of losing a mate for at least twelve months and possibly for life is a black enough cloud to have over one's head without the thought of being left in Killeen for the duration because of a lack of funds to move back home.

Military dependents' Strike Back Campaign has been organized by angry dependents to combat these and other serious problems that confront us in everyday life. We need you and your support, either physical or financial. We meet weekly or more often, if necessary, in members' homes. Child care and transportation is provided if needed. Write to the following address and we will contact you immediately.

People's power is budding and blossoming all over this country, all over the world - in Vietnam and the rest of Southeast Asia, in Latin America, in downtrodden nations all over the world. And when American imperialism tries to pick off the buds and blossoms, new ones will grow back. "You can kill a revolutionary, but you can't kill the revolution."

Carl Hampton was murdered. So was Malcolm X, Ralph Featherstone, Fred Hampton, and hundreds of other black and brown revolutionaries. Los Siete de la Raza are seven Latino brothers being tried for supposedly killing a cop. Bobby Seale is facing a phony murder rap. Huey Newton is still in jail on manslaughter charges. H. Rap Brown and Eldridge Cleaver have both been forced to flee the country to avoid jail. The list could go on and on, but one thing that becomes clear is that the black and brown peoples are fighting for control over their communities and the power structure is fighting to continue racist oppression.

#### RACISM

Racism in the military operates on two levels. The first in institutional in which the military channels Black, Brown and poor white people into the infantry, cook schools, combat engineers and specialties where we get our hands dirty. All of the tests that we took on entering the service had a lot to do with the jobs we ended up with. It is obvious that people who grew up and went to school in the Black ghettos, barrios, and Appalachia don't really have a chance of scoring high. The good jobs in the military, and by those we mean the ones that can be used on the outside, like computers, medical. technician, aviation and personnel administration automatically go to other people.

Another thing is that the military has historically been run by white southerners. What This is not to say that people in the north aren't as racist, but to point out the overt racist tradition that exists in the brass. It is the white southerners that stay in the officer corps and make it a career. Examples of this are easy to find in Alabama- PAGE 7

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With all of this going against Black and Brown GIs before they even start, it is easy to see why people of color don't get promoted as fast. This is especially true at E-5 and higher where GIs go before a board largely consisting of officers and with ratings made up by those same white officers. In order to get promoted Black and Brown GIs have to forget about their racial and cultural pride and bow obediantly to the racist brass.

The other way that racism operates in the military is the personal level, between GIs. We GIs realize that it is very hard for us to deal with the institutional problem. That takes power and that takes time to develop and besides we are only kidding ourselves if we think that we are going to do away with racism in the military without doing away with it in civilian society.

On the personal level, however, we can do a lot. American society has really done a number on our heads making us think all kinds of bad things about Black and Brown people. Civilian society and the people who run it have divided us from our brothers and sisters, blinding us from seeing who the real enemy is. The military tries to do the same thing, but they have got one problem. We all wear that same drab uniform and take a lot of shit together. The difference is that when most white people leave the military they are out for good, but when Black and Brown people get out, they are still directly oppressed by a racist society. It is sort of like doing basic training for your

#### RACISM

What white people in the military have to do is to understand the struggle of Black and Brown people. We want to control our own lives by the C.O. and the 1st sergeant tell us how to live in the barracks, how to make our own beds, what our lockers should look like, what posters we cant have on the wall, how shiny the floor of a 30 year old condemned barracks building has to be, and so on. The one thing is that the sergeant doesn't have to live in the barracks. He is either home oppressing his wife and kids or in some senior enlisted barracks on the other side of the post. In Black and Brown communities it is the same story, since teachers, police, social workers, businessmen and government officials come in from different communities telling local people what to do. Black and Brown people can't escape orders with an ETS.



With this understanding we whites have got to get our heads together. If we are going to fight to win, we can't afford to let our own racism prevent us from uniting with GIs who are far more oppressed than we are. Black and Brown people do act differently, but we would too if we were living an army-type life all of the time and our first reaction would be to jump on the people who have been putting us down all these years. The military really gives us a chance to work with our Black and Brown brothers and we can't let our own individual racism interfere with that. When one of our white brothers does something racist we owe it to him to correct it. This doesn't necessarily mean calling him a "racist motherfucker," but to help him in his individual struggle against the forces that are used to divide us from seeing who the real enemy is.

One final word of caution is that Black and Brown people aren't exactly going to welcome us with open arms. We have been a part of their oppression for hundreds of years. In the military Black and Brown people may want to engage in their own struggle because it goes far beyond the scope of military oppression. Black and Brown people have to get their heads together because their heads especially have been messed up by American society and to many, joining an organization with "whitey" leading is the same old shit. It also means white people are going to have to learn to accept Black and Brown leadership in the process of the struggle. We will have to work for the day when Black, Brown, and white GIs stand as one in the struggle against the brass.

## Black Gls in Germany

Black GIs stationed in Germany are waging an open struggle against racism, brutality and bad conditions, and for immediate withdrawal of US troops from Indochina. They organized a public "Call for Justice" meeting July 4 in Heidelberg attended by about 1,000 Black GIs.

The July 4 rally, organized by the Unsatisfied Black Soldiers had a very militant atmosphere. Speakers represented many bases throughout Germany and included a Young Lord and a Black woman civilian. A German student brought greetings to the meeting, which was also attended by about 300 German stu-

The UBS was formed in Heidelberg in April. The prime purpose of calling the "Call for Justice" meeting was to create solidarity among Black GIs.

The rally was publicized by traveling to barracks in a number of cities, including Munich, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Bamberg, Nuremberg, Baumholder and others. The UBS newspaper and leaflets were distributed and rap sessions were held.

One of the organizers of the rally, Rodwick Winton, was thrown into the stockade May 8 in an attempt by the brass to crush the rally. He was framed by a racist officer for falsification of government papers (in an incident where he had merely followed common practice in signing leave papers); disrespect for an officer (this same racist pig) when the officer physically attacked him; failing to obey an order; and going AWOL. The AWOL and disrespect charges were dropped. Winton was given three months at hard labor and busted to E-1 and three quarters' pay.

The UBS demands at the July 4 rally were immediate withdrawal of all US troops from Indochina; establishment of enlisted men's review boards to rule on pretrial confinement of Black soldiers; creation of a civilian inspector general in Army units to fill the posts now held by officers; and end to discrimination in assignments and duties; and employment of more Blacks in overseas civilian jobs connected with

More meetings like the one on July 4 are foreseen. There is a possibility of a Labor Day meeting and another one later in





#### MI. SAYS ALL IS WELL

An Army intelligence officer believes dissent within the military service is insignificant and on the decline. Maj. Gen. J.F. Freund told a defense appropriations subcommittee on March 10 that "dissenters really started to make their appearance in significant numbers in about January of last year." He said the number of them has stabilized around 525.



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